(iv) The chowkidars of the area have been briefed to keep an eye on the residences of this category of persons.

Besides, Senior Police Officials have also been directed to hold meetings with Senior Citizens. The services of citizen wardens are also being utilised in solving the problems of senior citizens.

Statement

Guidelines for senior citizens issued by the Delhi police

(7) Secure all doors windows before retiring for the day.

(8) Install magic eyes in the doors. Do not open the door to stangers.

(9) Install grills in windows and over verandahs.

(b) Keep in touch with beat constable.

(c) Verify the antecedents of domestic servants.

(a) Do not take out valuables in the presence of servants or labourers or strangers. Avoid keeping valuables at home.

(b) Keep in touch with relatives and neighbours.

(c) Install a doorbell connected to a neighbour's house.

9. Prevent vendors and hawkers from entering the house.

(a) Restrict knowledge of business transactions to only those who need to know.

(b) Vary your daily routine and keep track of strangers.

Shifting of ULFA headquarters

71. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the out-lawed United Liberation Front of Assam has shifted its operational headquarters from Bhutan to Myanmar;

(d) whether it is also a fact that militant groups have also reopened many of its camps inside Bangladesh territory adjoining the international border of the neighbouring country with the North-Eastern States; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and steps proposed to be taken with those Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) There is no substance in the report that the banned ULFA has shifted its GHQ from Bhutan to Myanmar.

(b) and (c) Some reports have been received of the militant groups having reopened certain camps inside Bangladesh territory. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Government of Bangladesh for appropriate action.

Bill on statehood to Uttarakhand

72. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a bill in the current Session for according Statehood to Uttarakhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government has also passed a resolution in this regard;

(d) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(e) whether similar demands have been received from other States also; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) to (d) The State Legislature of Uttar Pradesh has passed three resolutions urging the Central Government for

granting statehood to Uttarakhand. Necessary action is being taken to refer the Bill for the creation of separate State of Uttarkhand to the State Legilature of Uttar pradesh for expressing its views thereon as required under article 3 of the Constitution of India. As there are various legal and constitutional complexities involved in the issue, it may not be possible to lay down a definite timeframe in the matter.

(e) and (f) After the Reorganisation of States in 1956, there have been demands for the creation of separate States of Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, Bodoland, Gorkhaland and Vidarbha, etc.

The general policy of the Government is to advance the principles of political, administrative and economic federalism, as a consequence of which the benefits of development are expected to percolate down much faster to the higherto underdeveloped regions of the country wherefrom the demands for the statehood are emanating.

Person killed since inception of insurgency in North-Eastern States

73. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of civilians, security personnel and different militants groups lost their lives since the insurgency movement started in the North-Eastern States;

(b) the measures taken up by Government to control the movements; and

(c) whether Government are aware of their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) Insurgency in some of the North-Eastern States has increased and/or wanted at different points of time in the past. As such, complete and specific data relating to the number of civilians, security personnel and militants killed since insurgency started in the North-Eastern States is not available. However, since 1993, 2946 number of civilians, 1011 number of Security Forces personnel and 1308 number of militants lost their lives in the currently insurgency-affected States of Assam, Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura.

(b) The Government have taken various steps for dealing with insurgency which includes, interalia, declaration of major insurgent groups as unlawful associations, notification of the most serious affected areas as disturbed areas, deployment of Central para-military forces and Army units, sanction of Central financial assistance for v modernisation/upgradation of State Police Forces, improved coordination at various levels and sharing of Intelligence.

(c) Yes. Sir.

भारत पाक सीमा पर सीमा सुरक्षा बल द्वारा हथियारों की मांग

74. **श्री रामगोपाल यादवः**
श्री ईश दत्त यादवः

(क) क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे किः

(क) क्या भारत पाक सीमा पर तैनात सीमा सुरक्षा बल कार्मिकों ने सरकार से भारी हथियारों की मांग की है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) सीमा सुरक्षा बल की मांग पर सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया और क्या कार्रवाई की?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री मोहम्मद मकबूल डार):

(क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सीम, विशेष तौर पर सांबा और आर, एस. पुरा सैक्टरों में पाक रेंजरों द्वारा बड़े भारी हथियारों द्वारा रुक रुक कर की जा रही गोलीबारी का प्रभावपूर्ण ढंग से मुकाबला करने के लिए।

(ग) दो एच. एम. जी. जारी करने के लिए इस मन्त्रालय द्वारा पहले ही अनुमोदन कर दियी गया है। अन्य प्रस्तावों पर विचार किया जा रहा है।